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- 25X1A 1. On 9 October 1952, the barracks installation in Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V 33) on the road to Rauen was still occupied by 125 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with motor transport insignia. Truck and an amphibious car was in front of the installation. 25X1
- 25X1 2. On 9 October, a tank unit with 11 T-34/85 tanks and mounting about 50 soldiers entered the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse from the west. The unit was followed by van-like truck. Later, 5 T-34/85 tanks, were on the road south of the brickyard in Rauen and proceeded toward the installation. 25X1
- 25X1 3. Prior to 9 October, the north section of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Waldfrieden was still occupied by about 100 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, while the northwest section was occupied by another unit equipped with 15 trucks and was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The south section of the installation was still occupied by about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, another unit of about 100 soldiers with sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets and still another unit wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. 25X1
- 25X1 4. On 9 October, a column of trucks and jeeps, and 4 trucks towing 120-mm mortars and carrying about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia passed through the town toward north. A field exercise involving 2 x 85-mm AT guns, 1 x 57-mm AT gun and 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, and armed with machine guns and rifles as well as 8 trucks was seen northwest of Fuerstenwalde on the same day. 25X1

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5. On 7 October, the Waldfrieden Fliegerhorst Kaserne was occupied by about 500 to 600 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with and without artillery insignia and black-bordered crimson epaulets.

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6. On 7 October, the Pionier Kaserne on Gartenstrasse was occupied by about 600 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with or without tank insignia and black-bordered crimson epaulets. T-34 tanks [redacted] T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and JS-2 tanks [redacted] were seen at the tank driver school at the training area in Neuendorf and at the training grounds near the installation. T-34/85 tank [redacted] was in front of the garages.

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7. During the period from 1 to 7 October, the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse and the barracks installation on the road to Rauen were each occupied by about 200 soldiers. No training activity was noticed. A Soviet check point consisting of 1 officer and 2 soldiers and equipped with jeep [redacted] was on the western edge of Fuerstenwalde on the road to Berlin since early October. The Soviets either checked on or guided military vehicles.¹

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8. [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. Prior to 8 October 1952, Fuerstenwalde was still occupied as indicated in the last report by [redacted]. On 9 October, [redacted] the beginning of the return of units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div from the Lieberose troop training grounds to the barracks installation on Braunsberger Strasse. On 9 October, a unit of the 63d AAA Div (US) also returned to the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, probably from field exercises.

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